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Roads.

There are few things which mark a people's civilization more clearly or correctly than its roads. The wild Indian or African moves from one place to another by tedious and poorly marked paths, often without any; while in a civilized country, roads straight, well built, and of easy grade, rapidly convey the traveler to his destination. Roads are not often referred to in the earlier days of the world's history; but we know that a few main lines existed, running East and West, by which the Persian and Assyrian monarchs led their armies to Greece, Palestine or Egypt. They must have been poor, however, for many months were consumed on marches, which the Romans, in their prime, made in fewer weeks. The Israelites, soon after their settlement in Palestine, made roads leading to the Cities of Refuge, as well as a few other high-ways. In the great disorder existing during the times of the Judges, these fell into such a bad condition that they were "unoccupied," as we learn from the Song of Deborah, about 1300 B.C.

"The high-ways were unoccupied,
The travelers walked through by-ways."

But the Romans were the first nation to exhibit an appreciation of the importance of roads, and skill in their construction; particularly from the time of Julius Caesar. That wonderful man was not only great as an orator, a general, and a statesman, but as a practical engineer and builder. "From his time, roads were opened with vast expenditure of labor, through the provinces that the Romans captured, and lines of communication maintained through Southern and Western Europe, extending through portions of Africa and Asia. The islands of the Mediterranean were crossed by their roads; and in England, a main line led through the country North and South, and another from East to West. No pains were spared in giving to these works a permanent character; and the thorough manner of their construction, not surpassed by the roads of modern times, is proof of their extraordinary engineering skill in this department." The study of the old Roman roads, many remains of which still exist, is deeply interesting and useful to the modern engineer; and as in law and military affairs, the world of the present day owes much to those old Romans, so it is no less indebted to them for the art of road and bridge building.

But when they left Britain, the roads were neglected, and no new ones built, and for centuries the people used only foot or bridle paths for intercommunication. In 1753, the roads were so poor that only one stage coach ran between London and Edinburgh, making the journey from one place to the other, a distance of 350 miles, in two weeks. But since the manufacturing resources of the country have been brought into action, Great Britain has become celebrated for the number and excellence of her roads.

In this country, the early construction by our Government, of the great National Road, through Wheeling and Cincinnati to St. Louis, proved of great importance in transporting mails, government troops and stores, and in encouraging emigration to the West. Until comparatively late years roads were built by government; the first turnpike act in England was passed in the reign of Charles II.; since that time most of the important roads both in England and America have been built by "Turnpike Companies." Their day, however, in this country, seems to be declining; their roads and bridges are falling into the possession of counties and towns, whose officers must provide good means of communication for the citizens. In this county a Board has been organized by the Legislature, called the Essex Road Board, which possesses power of an unusual character and degree, enabling it to lay out avenues and roads, and provide for their construction. Their work requires more than a brief notice, such as can be given at this time; it is but just, however, to say that although objection has been made to their proceedings, on some part of every road they have begun, yet this was to be expected, and is not of itself an argument against their course. They have been laying out a system of roads for the county; their work should, therefore, be examined, first, as a whole, and afterwards in its several parts. Where such large sums of money are expended, a careful scrutiny should be observed by the citizens, but it should not be selfish, discourteous, or unjust. The same may be said of our township roads, and the action of the Township Committee in making and repairing them.

We propose to discuss, in future numbers, the methods of constructing roads, particularly those of Mead and Telford; the work of the Essex Road Board, and our own roads and streets. We look, also, for communications on this subject. Indeed we have an interesting instalment already from one of our most thoughtful and observing townsmen.

It gives us great pleasure to call attention to the advertisement of Mr. Adams, who can spend a few hours each week in Bloomfield, in giving lessons in French. During a more than twenty years' experience with French teachers, we have not met with one who surpassed Mr. Adams, in teaching his pupils to speak that elegant language with ease and accuracy.

O. M. D.

Editorial Notes.

We were much surprised to miss several valued names from our printed list of patrons, as it appeared in our first number. They were on our record book, but inadvertently omitted in copying it for the printer. We therefore give place once more to a correct and corrected.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO OUR PATRON FUND.

Jay L. Adams,	T. W. Langstroth,
Jno. Archdeacon,	W. S. Baldwin,
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Cordial greetings to the esteemed Pastors of our village churches, on their return from their two brief vacations. Our churches were all open again and well filled last Sunday; and though a number of pews were vacant by reason of the continued attraction of certain watering places, yet we suppose the September equinoctial will dissipate even their magnetism, and we may look for the speedy return of all lagging ones. Our village is never so charming as when all its respected citizens are known to be at home, and seen in their accustomed walks and places. Say what we will, there is a light and an influence that radiates with effect from every home centre, which are missed and regretted when their inmates are away, and domicile closed.

We must add our special congratulations to the family and the friends of Miss S. D., of Broad Avenue, (and that includes all the village) for her safe return from her long and hazardous peregrinations over the rivers and mountains, by railroad, steamboat and saddle.

We trust our readers may, ere long, be allowed to enjoy the perusal of some extracts from those letters which we happen to know delighted and fascinated the fortunate recipients of them.

POLITICAL.—We have invited prominent citizens from each of the great parties to furnish such matter as they respectively deemed expedient to fairly represent their sides. As they have not responded, and we have neither time nor inclination to supply that lack, we must still refer our readers to the newspaper organs of the respective parties for such information.

THE summer sojourners in Bloomfield have not all returned to their city homes yet. Some are so enamored of our beautiful village, that they are seriously thinking of trying it through the winter also. If they do, we are persuaded the sequence will be that they will establish their homes here. There is no healthier locality within accessible reach of New York, the unfounded slanders of certain sinister and jealous persons to the contrary notwithstanding.

Those who have tarried here during the summer need no assurances from us of the favorable impressions they have made, nor of the sincere hope entertained by many that the acquaintances thus formed may be mutually cherished and ripen into real friendship.

WE are happy to learn that there is a plan on foot to start a singing school in our village, under auspices and direction that give promise of success. We heartily wish it prosperity. As soon as arrangements are completed, it will, of course, be advertised in the Gazette.

THE Trustees of the Public School have not been idle during vacation. The grounds around the new school building have, under their direction, been carefully graded, and tastefully laid out. These improvements not only afford pleasure to the passer-by, but the taste of the children is improved, and they are, in a certain manner and degree, as well and wisely educated through these fine surroundings as by the lessons of the school-room. Many such things are needed for a complete education.

How wonderful the instinct of birds! How strikingly do they evince the constant, minute, and effective providence of a merciful God! Behold the fowls of the air. They sow not neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feedeth them! These thoughts were evoked the other day with unusual unctious as we contemplated a flock of sparrows, to which our attention was called by Mr. David Hewitt, who had been watching them with interest from his threshold.

The little creatures were very busy picking up whatever they might find to eat in front of his fruitery. Albeit we rather suspected they knew which store possessed a kindly nature to spill a handful now and then for their gathering.

Among them, however, or rather standing modestly aloof, was one that was evidently disabled. It may be an invalid brother, or a decrepit old father, thought we, or perhaps one "who has fallen among thieves and robbers, and left half dead!" Poor birdie! He could not help

himself. One leg was useless, and one wing hung drooping and powerless by his side. How should he get his share of needed food? Who will care for the insignificant bird? We felt rebuked as we remembered the Saviour's assurance: "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings? and not one of them is forgotten before God?"

The helpless one sounded a peculiar cry, and was speedily supplied by two or three of the strong and vigorous ones who picked up food and carried it to him, and put it in his open month. This was repeated many times, till his wants were supplied. We shall not soon forget that affecting scene, nor do we wonder that a lady, who observed it also, could not refrain from tears of sympathy at the touching sight.

In our present issue will be found a number of communications of much value from our own esteemed citizens, and from friendly correspondents. We bespeak for them due consideration.

TWO interesting marriages invite the congratulations of other citizens of Bloomfield as well as of those who graced the ceremonies by their presence. That of our well-known friends, Mr. Omberson and Miss Ball, was a *recherche* affair. Our reporter says of it:—"Large company! Four hundred invitations! Beautiful ladies with splendid toilets! Fine music by O'Fakel! Liberal trousseau, and \$3,000 worth of friendship mementoes, including a \$1,000 bank note! Table refreshments unsurpassed!" Messrs. Wm. B. and Jno. Chambers were the courteous ushers. The guests embraced a large number of Bloomfield, and not a few from Jersey City. Of course, the names of Sanford, Morris and Baldwin, were in the majority there.

The other, that of our friends Mr. Barton and Miss Lawrence. It is spoken of as a most interesting occasion. Large company; splendid entertainment; valuable presents, and made very impressive by the hearty good-will and unhesitating manner with which both bride and groom responded affirmatively to the questions of the clergyman.

BLOOMFIELD AND CHINA.—Our village has of late enjoyed unusual opportunities for becoming acquainted with the affairs of the Flowery Kingdom. Dr. S. A. Baldwin, of the Methodist Mission, at Fou Chow, who left this country last month, to resume his labors in that far off city, spent two years as pastor of the Methodist Church in this place. During this time the members of his own and the neighboring congregations, have heard much about that "peculiar" people. We are now receiving additional light from the addresses of another Dr. Baldwin, of the same place.

Dr. Caleb C. Baldwin, who is spending a little time in this country, has been a quarter of a century at Fou Chow. The Doctor is a native of Bloomfield; was prepared for college at the academy; graduated at Princeton; studied theology at the Princeton Seminary; and went to China under the charge of the A. B. C. F. M. He now resides with his family in Orange, from which as a centre, he visits the country around, addressing the churches about the land whose people and institutions he has been studying for so many years.

We may refer in a future issue, to an instructive address recently delivered by him to a large audience in the Presbyterian Church.

OUR townsman, Mr. Wesley B. Corby, is the first to put down his side-walk on Washington Avenue, since the grading was completed. Mr. P. J. Ward and Mr. W. G. Raynor, are preparing to put theirs down immediately, but, from the specimen of flagging we have noticed being delivered there, we think they will regret not securing a thicker stone—it will never stand the use it will get, nor the frosts that will try it.

We earnestly hope that all obligated to lay side-walks on that avenue, will do it at once; and we venture the opinion that a thoroughly well made plank walk is far better than thin flagging.

New Publications.

The Church Hymn Book, with Tunes for the Worship of God. Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., New York.

The collection of Hymns and Tunes, with which our churches are supplied, are so many and various, that we supposed the powers of composer and collector in this line, were almost exhausted. We had yet to see the most beautiful and finished stone placed in this temple of melody.

Messrs. Iverson & Co. have issued a work, which, typographically, is a model of neatness and beauty; and intrinsically, a treasury of gems. An unusual amount of learning and research has been displayed by the compilers. Dr. Hatfield has devoted much time and discriminating labor to the department of hymnology; and Mr. S. P. Warren, the well-known organist of Grace Church, New York, has exhibited that taste and wide acquaintance in the field of sacred music, which have been accredited to him.

Not only is the collection choice and classical, but the most correct and original rendering of the selections in each department has been sought out and given, with the name of the author and date of composition. Nor do we see that any of the dear old words and melodies have been forgotten, which form a precious common syntax of the people of God everywhere.

The lover of sacred song may here find a field of rare delight, whether in private reading, in the family circle, or in the public worship of the Sanctuary.

Our Circulation.

We intend to keep the people fully advised of the status of our enterprise. It is *their* GAZETTE. We are their voluntary stewards, to inaugurate and establish it. Let it be distinctly understood, that we shall make no money out of it. Whatever it earns will be spent on the paper. Its success and future establishment must, of course, depend upon the number on its subscription list. If this be large and generous it will assure the permanent establishment of the GAZETTE on the only reliable basis, that of remuneration to its owners.

Our subscribers now number 400, which is a very fair beginning on the first number. They ought to be doubled on the second number. Our town has over a thousand families in it, and every family should have this paper regularly. If every present subscriber will at once ask, and if need be, urge his neighbor to give his name and 50 cents to promote this grand undertaking, the list can be doubled before our third issue. Some have generously subscribed for two, three, four, ten and twelve copies, so as to distribute them abroad and sustain the paper. All thanks to them! But for permanent benefit, let us have eight hundred actual paying subscribers and we promise them a prosperity for their paper of which they will be proud, and in which they cannot fail to be richly rewarded, in the advantages that must accrue to our town.

Excursion and Pic-Nic

Of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, Bloomfield. This affair came off on Wednesday, the 18th instant, and was in every respect a success. The day was beautiful, the attendance large, and the children delighted. The school left Bloomfield at nine o'clock, A. M., on a train of new and elegant cars of the Montclair Railway, this being the first passenger train upon this road from Bloomfield. The excursionists were taken to the vicinity of Ringwood, a distance of about twenty-four miles, to view some of the most charming scenery to be found in the State of New Jersey, and returning to Wynockie visited the grove there, where the Pic-Nic was enjoyed.

The hilarity of the children on the cars, their joyful songs, and exclamations of delight with the fine scenery on the line of the road, were remarkable.

On the Pic-Nic ground they soon formed in groups, and with appetites sharpened by the bracing mountain air, paid their respects to their well-filled baskets. After dinner, such a romping and jumping, singing and swinging, croquetting and quoiting—well, the children, old and young, were let loose. The bell rang, the company gathered around a huge rock, and after singing God's praise—making the old woods and mountains ring again with the joyful sound—addresses were delivered by Rev. Henry F. Smith, the former pastor, and Rev. Dr. W. F. Stubbart, the present pastor, finally closing with singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and the "Doxology." Away to the cars again, and such a happy company, bound for home, "Singing as they go," arriving at Bloomfield at five o'clock, without a single mishap or the slightest incident to mar the pleasure of the day.

While returning, there was a general demand for an expression of thanks to those who had contributed so much for the benefit of the school. After remarks by a number, and a display of a great deal of enthusiasm, resolutions of thanks were adopted and tendered to Julius H. Pratt, Esq., President of the Montclair Railway Company, for his liberality; also to Mr. Flint, Superintendent of the road, for his assiduous attentions, and to Mr. Camp, the Conductor, and others employed on the train, for their uniform courtesy; also, to Mr. VanWagoner, for the use of his fine Wynockie Grove.

The Colored Sunday School.

The allusion, in the last number of the GAZETTE, to the Colored Sunday School, brings to mind its history, and the band of faithful workers who have at various times labored for its welfare.

It was first organized, so far as the memory of your correspondent serves, some ten or twelve years ago, by Rev. Mr. Hyde, in what was then "Union Hall," but now "Ecclesian Hall," over the store of Mr. Edward Wilde. It was begun as a union work of all the Evangelical Churches of our village, hence its name, "Union Sunday School."

Rev. Mr. Hyde was succeeded by Mr. John Gould and he by Mr. Edward Wight, both of whom served very efficiently, though for short terms. After this, Mr. Joseph A. Davis, Jr., was for several years its faithful and steadfast Superintendent. By his unwearied labors in season and out of season, he has won for himself a warm place in the hearts of our colored people. He resigned in January last, when Mr. F. R. Bateholder was elected to the vacant post, under whose administration it is now thriving.

Spiritual blessings have within the past year rested upon it, and several conversations have gladdened the hearts of the Superintendent and teachers. We commend it to the sympathies of our Christian people and suggest that it would be worth their while to pay it a visit.

It is to be regretted that no written record of its earlier history was kept.

CASUALTY.—The six o'clock down train on the Bloomfield Railroad ran over a valuable cow at Bloomfield station, belonging to Cornelius Cadmus, happily doing no injury to the train.

New Jersey License Law.

By Act of Legislature approved April 4th, 1872, it is required that all persons selling any "ale, strong beer, larger-bier, porter, wine, or other malt liquors," in quantities less than a quart of the same, and which is drunk on the premises where sold, shall obtain a license from the Court of Common Pleas of the county, or other authorities now having power to grant license.

Application in writing is to be made by the applicant, stating the kind or kinds of malt liquors he proposes to sell, the place or township where he proposes to locate his place of business, to be signed by ten freeholders who have not signed another petition, who shall recommend him as a sober and honest man, with affidavit of applicant that said persons recommending him are freeholders, and that he will keep a quiet and orderly house according to law. Such applicant must enter into bond in the sum of one hundred dollars with two sureties, freeholders, in sums of fifty dollars each, with condition that the applicant will not keep a disorderly house, or violate the provisions of this or other laws against encouraging and harboring drunken persons, vagrants, etc., etc.

The application for license shall be made on the first day of the session of the Court; shall continue in force for one year; can be used in no other place except in which first kept, and shall be void as to other places and persons. The Court shall assess each person so licensed not less than ten, nor more than fifty dollars.

By the 12th section, selling without a license under the quantity of less than one quart, "if the same is drunk in, on or about the premises where sold," makes the offender liable for each offense to a penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered by any person who shall sue for the same in any court of record having cognizance of that sum, one-half to the prosecutor, the other half to the inhabitants of the county; and by the 13th section, in addition to the above penalty, any person selling without license, or, having a license, selling on Sundays, "shall be held as keeper of a house of disorderly houses, and upon conviction, be subject to like pains and penalties as are now imposed by law on keepers of gambling houses, houses of prostitution, and other common nuisances."

By the 14th section, the provisions of the act do not apply to any township, city or incorporated town in which laws are in force regulating the sale of any of the above-mentioned liquors. The act took effect the 4th of July.

New Jersey-dom.

AFTER making a liberal provision for his surviving wife and two sons, the late John P. Smith, of Bloombury, N. J., bequeathed to the First Presbyterian Church of Bloombury, \$1000; to the town of Bloombury, for the promotion of educational advantages, \$1000; to the Board of Foreign Missions, \$1000; to the Board of Home Missions, \$1000; to the Board of Education, \$500; to the Board of Church Extension, \$250; to the Board of Ministerial Relief, \$1000; to the Board of Publication, \$250. For many years Mr. Smith was an esteemed ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church of Bloombury.

REV. P. COOMBS, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the New Jersey State Temperance Alliance, is laboring in South Jersey with great success. He spends this week in Bridgeton.

THE ROSELVILLE CHURCH.—Rev. J. R. Adams, Pastor—formerly in the suburbs of Newark, has become a point of much interest, as it has come to occupy the centre of a populous region, building up with astonishing rapidity. The church has been recently enlarged, and pastor and people are encouraged with the signs of greater growth. Rev. Dr. Dashiell resides in its vicinity.

On Sunday night, Michael Kelle, residing at Beacon and Central avenues, Jersey City, was arrested for threatening to kill his wife and child. He had been previously arrested on a charge of insanity. On Sunday the violent symptoms of insanity returned, and securing a knife, he threatened the lives of the members of his family.

THERE has been placed on exhibition at the Newark Rink a bust in marble of Mayor Ricord, executed by his daughter. The sculpture is very young, and her work, which is her first attempt to use the chisel, is thought by good judges to be very fine.

THE committee from the various county Boards of Freeholders have resolved to petition the Legislature for an increase of the number of managers of the State Lunatic Asylum to one from each county.

PRINCETON COLLEGE has commenced its one hundred and twenty-fifth academic year. President McClellan delivered an address to the students in the College Chapel. One hundred and ten students were present in the Freshman class. The magnificent new library building is nearly completed.

THE Newark and Hudson Railroad, a branch of the Erie, running between Paterson and New York via Newark, was yesterday opened to the public for the first time. New passenger cars are to be placed on this route, and the commutation to Newark will be lower than by any other road, \$20 per year.

THE East Orange Library Association has commenced the erection of a handsome building at Main and Grove-streets. The building is to be 175 by 50 feet, and will contain a public hall, lodge rooms, offices, a library and reading-room and stores.

THE New Jersey cranberry crop this fall, it is believed, will not be more than half as large as it was expected.

THE Elizabeth Board of Aldermen has been petitioned by several hundred citizens to take the necessary steps to abate the nuisance caused by the blowing of the whistles of locomotives, and the Union County Grand Jury has entered a presentment concerning the matter. Elizabeth has three rail-roads passing through it, and the nuisance has become so great that a heavy pressure has been brought to bear upon it, and probably some immediate steps will be taken to secure its abatement.

THE Newark Conference Seminary building, at Hackensack, has already cost \$70,000, and it is proposed to expend \$60,000 more in its completion. Of this sum the Trustees already have about \$50,000, and the work will be immediately finished.

CHILDREN.—The number of children in the United States under five years old is 5,513,343, of which 2,797,887 are male, and 2,715,456 female. The male children from five to nine inclusive are 2,457,443, and female 2,977,871—total, 4,814,712. The number of male inhabitants of all ages under twenty-one is 10,050,563; female, 9,575,307—total, 20,026,870.